ALCTS/ALISE Task Force for Preparing Cataloging and Metadata Educators and Trainers (Action Item 5.1)
Quarterly Report
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The ALCTS/ALISE Task Force for Preparing Cataloging and Metadata Educators and Trainers (MetaCat TF) was constituted in April 2003 to carry out the recommendations of the ALCTS/ALISE Task Force on LIS Education (Action Item 5.1).

These include:
- Publicize the model for cataloging and metadata education
- Provide and publicize a "Metadata Basics" information package on the Web
- Publicize, provide and maintain a listserv for communications among LIS educators and continuing education specialists
- Publicize, provide and maintain a Web clearinghouse for cataloging and metadata educators and continuing education specialists
- Hold a conference to prepare educators and trainers to teach metadata and cataloging
- Assess results and produce a final report and recommendations

Status

The Task Force presented a full-day program at ALA Midwinter, San Diego, on January 9, *Preparing 21st Century Cataloging and Metadata Professionals: A Workshop for Educators and Trainers.* Approximately 80 attendees heard 7 presenters and engaged in discussions about the future of cataloging education and how we teach metadata skills needed for the future. A Web site was set up at the University of Washington Information School with materials for attendees to download both prior and subsequent to the workshop.

ALCTS provided invaluable logistical support, handling registrations, all site arrangements, and staffing at the event. OCLC's funding allowed for a minimal registration fee.

Next Steps

A priority will be to establish a listserv, initially for the attendees at the workshop to continue their discussions, and eventually to include anyone interested in the challenges of teaching skills to organize electronic resources.

A call went out at the workshop for consultants to assist with remaining task force activities: creation of the Metadata Basics package and the design and content of a Web clearinghouse. There are discussions underway with the task force addressing Action Item 5.3 to collaborate on the location and design of the Web clearinghouse.

Tasks	Due	Who
Publicize the model for metadata and cataloging education	Articles in newsletters and press releases At ALA Midwinter workshop and then on Web clearinghouse site	LC-Action Plan-TF MetaCat TF
Provide and publicize "Metadata Basics" package	Winter-Spring 2003-2004	MetaCat TF subgroup
Establish, publicize, maintain listserv	Winter-Spring 2003-2004	MetaCat TF subgroup
Establish, publicize, maintain Web clearinghouse	Winter-Spring 2003-2004	MetaCat TF subgroup
Plan conference	Early publicity ready by July 2003 Conference announcement September 2003	MetaCat TF conference subgroup
Hold conference	In conjunction with ALA Midwinter 2004 in San Diego	MetaCat TF conference subgroup
Assess results	Summer 2004-Winter 2005	To be decided
Keep LC Cataloging Directorate and ALCTS informed	Each April 1, July 1, October 1, January 1	D. Baden, O. Frost